



SF 2225 – School Sports, Brain Injury Policies (LSB5434SV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the Senate

Description

Senate File 2225, as amended and passed by the Senate, requires a licensed athletic trainer, physical therapist, or physician to be present and available to assess athletic injuries at high school contests for collision sports.

Background

The bill requires the home team in a high school extracurricular interscholastic contest in a collision sport, defined as football, soccer, or wrestling, to ensure that a health care professional is present and available to assess athletic injuries. The bill defines health care professional as a licensed athletic trainer, physician, or physical therapist. The bill also strongly encourages, but does not require, the home team in a high school extracurricular interscholastic contest in a contact sport, as defined by the American Academy of Pediatrics, to ensure that a health care professional is present and available to assess athletic injuries. The Bill requires the health care professional to have specific education or training in sports medicine or emergency care and must provide evidence of such. The health care professional is also required to notify the visiting team's athletic director within 48 hours after the contest occurs if a member of the visiting team shows signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain injury.

Assumptions

- Athletic trainers hired as a result of this bill will be paid between \$17 and \$26 per hour.
- Other health care professionals will be paid between \$35 and \$45 per hour.
- Athletic trainers will represent 75.0% of the health care professional hired.
- Health care professionals will be reimbursed for mileage; these costs are estimated at 10.0% of the hourly wage.
- Health care professionals will work 25,065 hours annually for extracurricular interscholastic contests in collision sports; schools are assumed to currently have health care professionals for between 38.0% and 75.0% of these hours.
- Schools will hire additional health care professionals for collision sports only; contact sports are not required under this bill.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the State General Fund. The statewide total cost to local school districts in Iowa is estimated to range between \$148,000 and \$526,000 per year in FY 2017 and FY 2018.

Sources

Iowa Athletic Trainers' Society
Iowa Department of Education
U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the LSA upon request.
